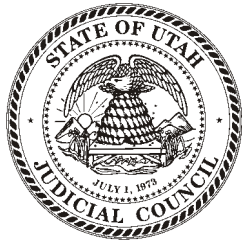


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### JUDGE TO WORK WITH COURT-INVOLVED YOUTH

**WHAT:**        The Village Project will be conducting classes in partnership with the Lied Boys & Girls Club for court-involved youth above age 12. Classes include Passport to Manhood, math tutoring, and stay SMART, which is a social skills program for adolescents ages 13 to 15 that teaches resistance skills, stress reduction techniques, communication skills, assertiveness training, and life planning.

**WHO:**        -Third District Juvenile Court Judge Andrew Valdez, who founded The Village Project in 1995, will be on hand working with the youth.  
                      -Individuals from the Zen Temple will be preparing food for the homeless.

**WHEN:**       Saturday, February 11, between 10:00 a.m. and noon

**WHERE:**      Lied Boys & Girls Club of Greater Salt Lake, 464 South Concord Street (1230 West).

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Village Project is a mentor program of Third District Juvenile Court and is the only mentor program in Salt Lake County that serves court-involved youth above age 12.

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